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TO : Deputy Assistant Director,
Current Intelligence
FROM : Chief, Far Eastern Division
SUBJECT: Basic Intelligence Course

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1. The description of the Basic Intelligence Course gives a good impression, generally speaking.

2. The statement of topics covered creates a few specific impressions:

- (a) For an Agency employee to receive only one lecture and discussion period coverage of the functions of CIA appears rather short in contrast with the time devoted to "The Intelligence Community" and to "Foreign Intelligence Services." These two topics receive five and two lectures, respectively.
- (b) Although 12-1/2 percent of the course is devoted to the "World Situation," the outline suggests that, except for the Area study, this entire section is devoted to the "USSR and Communism." While acknowledging the vital importance of this subject, it is believed that a better balance could be struck if a portion of this period could be devoted to highlighting some of the long term problems in the non-Communist world which are attracting the attention of policy makers. The description of "USSR and Communism" fails to indicate that any attention is given to the important position of Communist China, particularly in Asia.
- (c) Devoting one lecture and panel discussion to "Security" appears insufficient to start the new employee on the road to becoming adequately security conscious.

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